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JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: UGANDAN REFUGEES

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- 1. UNTIL RECENTLY UNHCR/RWANDA HANDLED ABOUT ONE REFUGEE CASE PER DAY WITH TURNOVER SUCH THAT SIX OR SO ON HAND AT ANY ONE TIME. THIS LEVEL HAS POSED NO RPT NO PROBLEM FOR UNHCR OR GOR
- 2. WITHIN LAST TEN DAYS NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAS DOUBLED. RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN UNHCR AND GOR SECURITY/INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION HAS LED TO ESTIMATE THAT PERHAPS 20-30 REFUGEES IN RWANDA AT PRESENT TIME, BUT ALL HAVE NOT PRESENTED THEMSELVES TO UNHCR. LATTER ESTIMATES THAT IF FLOW DOES NOT INCREASE MARKEDLY NO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED THOUGH UNHCR ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY WILL BE STRAINED.
- 3. GOR HAS ASKED UNHCR TO MAINTAIN EXTREMEMLY LOW CONFIDENTIAL

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PROFILE AND MINIMIZE DISCLOSURE/DISCUSSION OF REFUGEE SITUATION. IN ADDITION GOR INDICATED THAT IT WAS CONSIDERING INFORMAL WAYS TO ASSIST REFUGEES IN TRANSITING ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES (ESPECIALLY KENYA AND TANZANIA) WITHOUT GOING THROUGH FORMAL UNHCR PROCESS. THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY KEEP INCIDENCE AND PUBLICITY DOWN, BUT ALSO OBVIATE SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS UNHCR RESETTLEMENT PROCESS

WITH ALL ITS ATTENDANT BURDENS. WHILE UNHER REPS INDICATED THAT THEY REMAIN NONCOMMITTAL RE THIS PROPOSITION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN FACT A FEW CASES HAVE BEEN HANDLED IN THIS MANNER.

4. EMBASSY/AID TO REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH UNHCR RE REFUGEE SITUATION ESPECIALLY IF TREND AND THEREFORE REQUIREMENTS INCREASE BEYOND LEVEL NOTED PARA. 2. CRIGLER

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